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IMPROVEMENTS IN SOVIET PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

The medical workers of Dzhabul Rayon, Kazakh SSR, are actively fighting malaria. More than 11,000 persons have been examined. All those who were exposed to malaria have been treated. Two thousand persons have undergone chemical prophylaxis. Twenty hectares of drainage waters have been covered with oil, 13 hectares have been dusted, and an area of over 2,000 cubic meters has been treated.

The medicosanitation service of Mingechar, Azerbaydzhan SSR, has been improved by the addition of a number of new therapeutic-prophylactic institutions. The fourth medical section of Mingechar has been organized in the FZO school where hundreds of young workers live and study.

After reconstruction, the network of medicosanitation institutions in Stalino Oblast is larger than before the war. The workers of Gorlovka, Stalino Oblast, have pledged to fulfill the plan for the expansion of the network of medical institutions in October. By 28 August, repairs will be completed on 19 hospitals, 12 polyclinics, 13 surgical and 41 dressing points, and 18 nurseries; moreover, 2 women's and children's consultation, 2 X-ray, 2 surgical, and 2 dressing points will be opened.

At a special conference, workers of the Antiepidemic Administration of the Ministry of Public Health Ukrainian SSR discussed an article in an earlier issue of Meditsinskiy Rabotnik which stated that the source of infection of more than 60 percent of the cases in the Ukraine is unsolved due to the poor organization of epidemiological examinations. Birkovskiy, head of the administration, sent a directive to all directors of oblast and city health departments and to directors of institutes of epidemiology and microbiology, calling for immediate attention to this problem.

The Chimkent, Kazakh SSR, Chemicopharmaceutical Plant imeni F. Dzerzhinskiy is charged with the task of increasing the production of important medicinal preparations. Plant workers requested aid from the Institute of Chemistry of the Uzbek Academy of Sciences in working out a number of technical problems. A number of subjects suggested by the plant were included in the institute's plan for scientific work.

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The first fluorographic station in Leningrad was opened in tuberculosis dispensary No 16. After several days of operation, 12,000 persons had been examined. The station also has a mobile fluorographic unit to carry out examinations at plants and factories.

The workers of Ternopol'skiy Oblast, Ukrainian SSR, have pledged to complete the yearly plan for expanding the network of medical institutions by 1 September. Construction work will be completed on a maternity department in Zalozhts, a women's and children's consultation center in Ianovtsakh, and a physiotherapeutic hospital in Skala-Podol'sk. A district hospital will be put into operation before 1 October in Otirno, Zborov Rayon. The equipping of 25 kolkhoz physiotherapeutic points is being completed.

At present, the mining town of Chistyakovo, Stalino Oblast, has 9 hospitals, 2 maternity homes, 9 polyclinics and dispensaries for ambulatory cases, 11 surgical and dressing points (5 of which are underground), a venereological dispensary, a tuberculosis dispensary, and 2 children's sanatoriums. Three medical institutions have well-equipped physiotherapeutic cabinets.

The first city conference of pharmacists met in Riga. Docent I. Robzheniyetse submitted a report on vitamins and M. Tarvid submitted data on a new preparation developed in Riga.

A conference of medical workers of the RSFSR met in Moscow 26 - 29 July. Forty-six persons, including Ministers of Public Health of autonomous republics, directors of kray and oblast health departments, eye specialists, and trade union workers, took part in discussions of the report submitted by G. N. Beletskiy, Minister of Public Health RSFSR.

#### Tambov Oblast

Twenty doctors arrived recently in Tambov. All graduated from the medical institute this year. They were all assigned to hospitals in rural regions.

The arrangement of beds into six divisions, i.e., surgical, therapeutic, uterological, children's, dermatovenereological, and tuberculosis, has been completed in 35 rayon hospitals. Twenty-five doctors are now being specialized at local bases.

Seventeen X-ray units are now operating in rural regions. All rayon hospitals have their own clinical diagnosis laboratory. The oblast medical organization now has four airplanes at its disposal.

Four tuberculosis hospitals having 50 beds each have begun operation in rural localities.

#### Buryat-Mongol ASSR

Eighty-five doctors who graduated from medical institutions in various cities have been assigned to work in Buryat-Mongol ASSR.

More than 50 doctors of the republic received specialized training in Moscow, Leningrad, Kazan, Novosibirsk, or in local institutions in the first 6 months of 1949.

X-ray and physiotherapeutic equipment was installed in five more rayon centers this year. All rayon hospitals of Buryat-Mongol ASSR have their own clinical diagnosis laboratory.

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A medical dispensary for ambulatory cases attached to a division hospital has been opened at the cement plant in Kabansk Rayon.

Construction work is near completion on the main building of a 50-bed hospital for workers of the Gasinoye Ozero coal mines.

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